

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Each year, South Dakota's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage by those who fail to call 811 to have underground lines located prior to digging, and undesired consequences such as service interruption, damage to the environment, and personal injury or death are the potential results; and,

Whereas, In 2005, the Federal Communications Commission designated the 811 number for potential excavators and homeowners, providing them a simple number to reach their local One Call Center to request utility line locations at the intended dig site, and the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission and the South Dakota One Call Board promote the national call-before-you-dig number, 811, in an effort to reduce damages; and,

Whereas, Through education of safe digging practices, excavators and homeowners can save time and money keeping our nation safe and connected by making a simple call to 811 in advance of any digging project, waiting the required amount of time, respecting the marked lines by maintaining visual definition throughout the course of the excavation, and digging with care around the marks; and,

Whereas, All parties agree that safe digging is a shared responsibility "To Know What's Below, Call 811 Before You Dig";

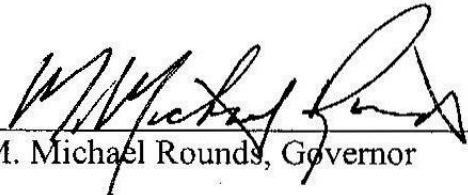
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 2010, as

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in South Dakota, and encourage all excavators and homeowners to always call 811 before digging. Safe digging is no accident.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.




M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State